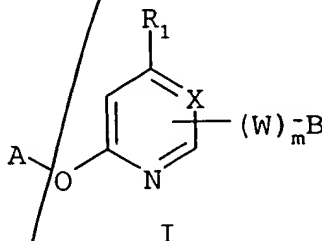


CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDMENTS

Amend claims 1-13 to read as follows:

1. (amended) A method of increasing the efficacy of a herbicidal compound of

formula I



wherein

A and B each independently represent a phenyl, pyridyl, pyrazolyl or thienyl ring being optionally substituted by one or more halogen atoms, alkyl, haloalkyl or haloalkoxy groups;

R_1 represents a hydrogen or halogen atom or an alkyl or alkoxy group;

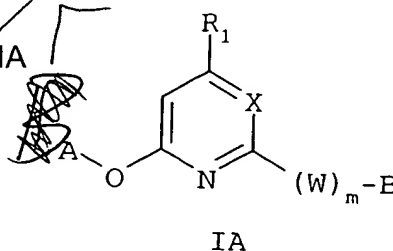
X represents CH or N;

W represents -O-, -OCH₂- or -CONH-, and

m is 0 or 1

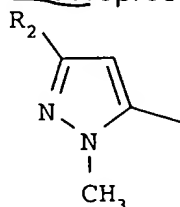
which comprises applying an effective amount of said herbicidal compound directly to the soil in the form of a solid granule or powder which contains said herbicidal compound and at least one inert solid carrier.

2. (amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein said herbicidal compound I has the structural formula IA

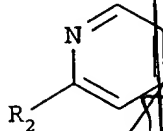


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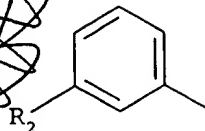
A represents a group of formula a, b, c or d:



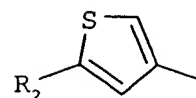
or



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or



(a) (b) (c) (d)
wherein R_2 is a halogen atom or a C_{1-3} haloalkyl or C_{1-3} haloalkoxy group.

3. (amended) The method according to claim 2 wherein

A and B each independently represent a phenyl being optionally substituted by one or more halogen atoms, alkyl, haloalkyl or haloalkoxy groups;

R_1 represents a hydrogen or halogen atom or an alkyl or alkoxy group;

X represents CH or N; and

W represents -CONH-, and

m is 1.

4. (amended) The method according to claim 3

wherein the herbicidal compound IA is selected from the group consisting of

2', 4'-difluoro-2-(α, α, α -trifluoro-m-tolyloxy)-nicotinamide (diflufenican);

N-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-[3-trifluoromethylphenoxy]-2-pyridine carboxamide (picolinafen),

and

4-(3-trifluoromethylphenoxy)-2-(4-trifluoromethylphenyl)-pyrimidin (TTP).

5. (amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein said

solid carrier is selected from the group consisting of kaolin or bentonite, silica, inorganic salts, polyvinylpyrrolidone, polyvinylacetate, cyclodextrin, sugar and mixtures or co-polymers thereof.

6. (amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein the solid granule or powder comprises about

- (a) 0.1 to 100 g/kg of a herbicidal compound of formula I; and
- (b) 900 to 999.9 g/kg of at least one inert solid carrier, and optionally at least one solid auxiliary.

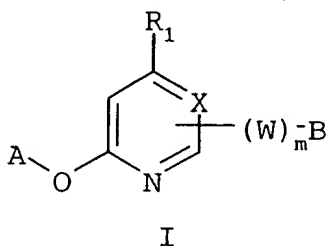
7. (amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein the compound of formula I is admixed with a second active compound which is selected from the group consisting of

acifluorfen, aclonifen, alachlor, alloxidim, ametryn, amitrole, anilazine, anilofos, asulam, atrazine, azinphos-methyl, benazolin, benfluralin, benfuresate, bensulide, bentazone, benzofenap, bifenox, bromacil, brombutide, bromoxynil, butachlor, butamifos, butenachlor, butylate, carfentrazone-ethyl, chloramben, chlorbromuron, chlorbufam, chlorimuron, chlornitrofen, chlorotoluron, chlorthiamid, cinmethylin, clomozone, clopyralid, cyanazine, cycloate, 2,4-D, daimuron, desmetryn, dicamba, dichlobenil, dichloroprop-P, diclofop-methyl, dimefuron, dimepiperate, dimethachlor, demethatryn, dimethenamid, dinitramine, dinotrerb, dithiopyr, esprocarb, ethafluralin, ethofumesate, ethoxyfen-ethyl, fenoxaprop, fenuron, flamprop-M-isopropyl, flamprop-M-methyl, fluazifop, fluchloralin, flufenacet, flumioxazin, fluometuron, fluoroglycofen,

flupoxam, fluridone, flurochloridone, flurprimidol, flurtamone, fluthiacet-methyl, fomesafen, glufosinate, haloxyfop, ioxynil, isoxaflutole, lactofen, linuron, mecoprop, mecoprop-P, mefenacet, metazachlor, metobenzuron, metobromuron, metolachlor, metoxuron, monolinuron, naproanilide, napropamide, naptalam, norflurazon, orbencarb, oxadiazon, oxyfluorfen, pebulate, pendimethalin, picloram, pretilachlor, prodiamine, prometon, prometryn, propachlor, propanil, propisochlor, propyzamide, prosulfocarb, pyrazoxyfen, pyributicarb, siduron, tebuthiuron, terbacil, terbumeton, terbuthylazine, terbutryn, thiazopyr, thiobencarb, thiocarbazil, triallate, triclopyr and trifluralin.

8. (amended) A solid granule which comprises about

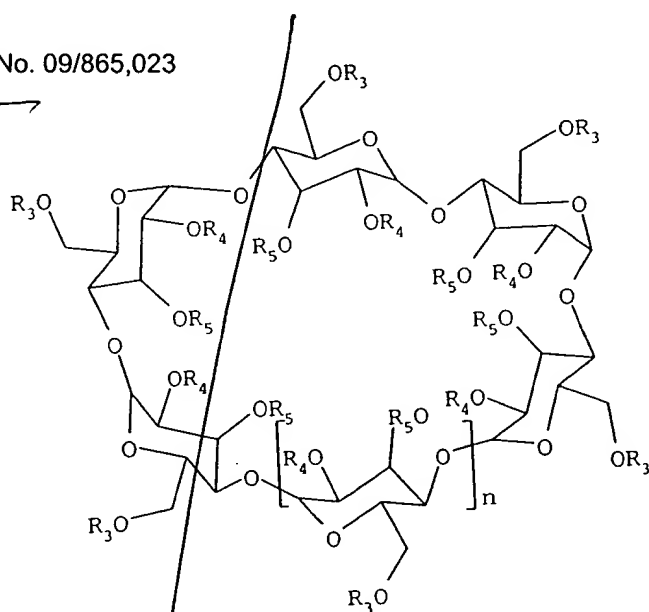
- (a) 0.1 to 100 g/kg of at least one herbicidal compound of formula I;



wherein A, B, R₁, X, W and m are defined as in claim 1; and

- (b) 900 to 999.9 g/kg of one or more solid carrier selected from the group consisting of granular gypsum, kaolin or bentonite, polyvinylpyrrolidone, polyvinylacetate, cyclodextrin, sugar and mixtures or co-polymers thereof and optionally at least one solid auxiliary.

9. (amended) A solid granule according to claim 8, wherein the solid carrier is a cyclodextrin of formula II



II

wherein

R_3 , R_4 and R_5 each independently represent a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-4} alkyl, C_{1-4} alkanoyl or a C_{1-4} hydroxyalkyl group; and n is 1, 2 or 3.

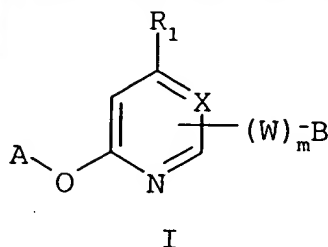
10. (amended) A solid granule according to claim 8, wherein the solid carrier is a cyclodextrin of formula II, wherein R_3 , R_4 and R_5 each represent a hydrogen atom and n is 2.

11. (amended) A solid granule according to claim 8, which comprises

- (b1) 50 to 250 g/kg of one or more cyclodextrin of formula II; and
- (b2) 650 to 949.9 g/kg of one or more solid carrier selected from the group consisting of granular gypsum, kaolin or bentonite, silica, inorganic salts, polyvinylpyrrolidone, polyvinylacetate, sugar and mixtures or copolymers thereof and optionally at least one solid auxiliary.

12. (amended) A method for the control of undesired weeds at a locus which comprises treating said locus with a solid granule which consists essentially of

- (a) 0.1 to 100 g/kg of at least one herbicidal compound of formula I;



wherein A, B, R₁, X, W and m are defined as in claim 1; and

- A*
- (b) 900 to 999.9 g/kg of one or more solid carrier selected from the group consisting of granular gypsum, kaolin or bentonite, polyvinylpyrrolidone, polyvinylacetate, cyclodextrin, sugar and mixtures or co-polymers thereof and optionally at least one solid auxiliary.

13. (amended) A method according to claim 12 wherein said weeds are *Galium* spp. or *Alopecurus* spp.